

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, November 25, 2024**, at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Mayor Javier Villalobos, Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad, Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca were present.

Also, present City Manager Isaac Tawil, Interim City Attorney Austin Stevenson, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 25th REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH A MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the regular meeting agenda.

2. POINT IN TIME PRESENTATION.

Staff gave a presentation on HUD's annual point in time Initiative. It was mentioned it is federally mandated that HUD recipients conduct an annual count of the homeless population within the jurisdiction. The report is meant to inform Congress about the number of people experiencing homelessness in the U.S. and the effectiveness of HUD's programs and policies in decreasing those numbers. Staff also informed Council that point-in-time counts help communities plan services and programs to appropriately address local needs, measure progress in decreasing homelessness, and identify strength and gaps in a community's current homelessness assistance system.

Mr. Steve de la Garza addressed Council and reviewed observations surveys and survey interview data. He noted all surveys taken are updated to point-in-time. Discussion ensued and comments and suggestions were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to counts, data sent to Washington, advocating for community dollars, local level programs used to mitigate repeats, Veteran Homelessness, runaways, mental illness health programs, flyers, downtown area, and prevention. Staff answered questions posed by staff.

3. ALLEY STIMULUS CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE.

Staff gave a brief presentation on alley stimulus capital project update. It was mentioned that there are two items for action on the regular meeting agenda related to the construction of alleys. Progress made to date was provided and staff noted the \$3.2 million in funding is a one-time allocation of stimulus money, it will only cover a portion of the project, leaving a gap in the number of paved alleys. Staff also reviewed, alley residential upgrades, inventory by district in miles, inventory of alleys, scope of work, and \$3.6M budget.

Discussion ensued and comments and suggestions were shared by Council. Questions were asked to areas to work on, current year cycle, timeframe for the alley rehabs, design, and referencing unpaved alleys. It was noted that alley rehab sections A and C are on the agenda for consideration.

- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE TWO TRACTS OF LAND BEING: (1) STEELE & PERSHING S355.44' – N755'-W350.18' LOT 1 BLK 17 TR 6 2.7AC GR 2.47AC NET, CITY OF MCALLEN HIDALGO COUNTY TEXAS, FOR PUBLIC USE. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.**
 - B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.**

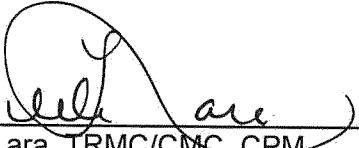
C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY, TRACT 1, TRACT 2, TRACT 3 AND TRACT 4. TEX GOV'T CODE §551.072.

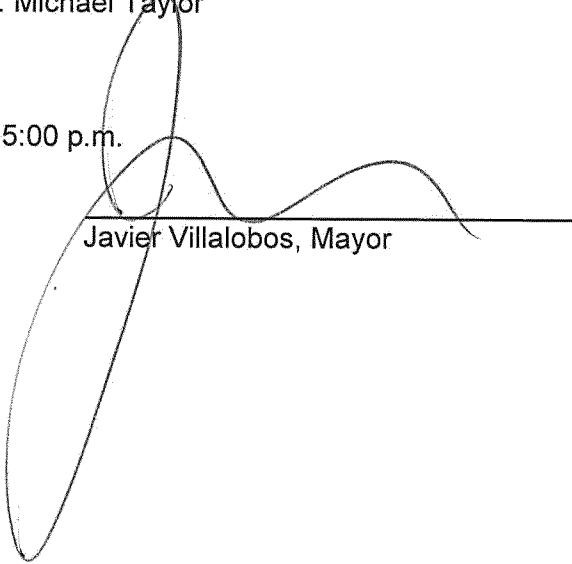
PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Norma L. Ayala, Mr. Michael Taylor

ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Javier Villalobos, Mayor